

## UCR Education Abroad Academic Integration Grants Program

In support of campus initiatives to promote UCR undergraduate education abroad activity and integrate education abroad into curricula, the UCR Education Abroad office invites academic departments and units to submit Academic Integration grant proposals.

The goal of Academic Integration is to make learning abroad an integral and accessible part of every undergraduate's academic experience and to prepare students for entering an increasingly global workplace upon graduation. It aims to demonstrate the feasibility of participation in and preparation for study abroad for all students, regardless of major. We welcome applications from all academic disciplines.

*Preference will be given to proposals that have a high impact on UCR undergraduate students and focus on creating academic access routes to study abroad programs.*

Examples of these access routes include:

- Incorporating education abroad into major degree plans
- Reducing unit caps for education abroad courses a department will grant credit for
- Cataloging previously approved courses offered through Faculty-led Education Abroad Programs (FLEAP) and/or UC Education Abroad Programs (UCEAP)
- Creating UCEAP course approvals/pre-approvals for major, breadth, and other degree requirements
- Creating a list of previously approved courses offered through Opportunities Abroad Programs (OAP) and outlining how the credit transfer process works for these courses
- Publicizing education abroad through department websites and print materials, informational events, social media, and/or videos
- Hiring a departmental Education Abroad Peer Advisor
- Incorporating education abroad into department specific student orientations

Requirements for the grants are the following:

1. Development or update of Education Abroad information on department/unit websites
2. Creation of academic access routes to Education Abroad with delivery of two and four-year degree plans incorporating education abroad into those plans so both student populations (four-year degree students and transfer students) can see a visual representation of pathways to study abroad in their field of study
3. Pre-approval of courses to fulfill major, breadth, or other degree requirements
4. Collaboration of one staff and one faculty member within the academic department to serve as Co-Principal Investigators
5. Provision of a final summary report

In addition to these requirements, we welcome any other ideas for reducing academic barriers to education abroad or integrating education abroad into your department's academic curriculum.

Awards of \$3,000 will be given to academic department. Funds may be used for any purpose in support of this effort and may include, but are not limited to, the costs of a student assistant to gather and prepare documentation for review, costs of developing online and print materials, and partial salary costs for faculty and/or staff.

Criteria for review of applications is based on overall quality of proposed project, relevance to Academic Integration, projected impact of grant on undergraduate students, and the inclusion of all required items of the grant proposal.

Timeline:

July 2022 *Call for proposals*

July 30, 2022 *Deadline to submit project proposals*

August 15, 2022 *Announcement of selected applicants*

September 2022 *Project initiation*

July 30, 2023 *Project completion report*

Submit complete proposals to: [lasharon.perez@ucr.edu](mailto:lasharon.perez@ucr.edu)

Project proposals will be due by **July 30, 2022**.

We look forward to seeing your proposals and working with you to make education abroad an accessible and integral part of every undergraduate's experience.

Please contact LaSharon McLean Perez, Assistant Director of Education Abroad, with any questions at [lasharon.perez@ucr.edu](mailto:lasharon.perez@ucr.edu)

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### 2022 Proposal Requirement

Department:

Faculty Principal Investigator (PI):

Staff Principal Investigator (PI): Additional Faculty (if any):

Additional Staff (if any):

1. Please describe your rationale for initiating an Academic Integration project in your department:
2. Please list your project goals:
3. Please describe your project including the methodology and a list of project deliverables:
4. Please describe your maintenance plan to keep this information current and available for future students:
5. Please provide a proposed timeline of events to accomplish your project:
6. Please provide a detailed breakdown of how the grant funds will be spent: